



## Executive Office of Public Safety and Security Newsletter

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The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) is committed to keeping the people of Massachusetts informed about critical homeland security, emergency management, personal safety, and criminal justice issues. The EOPSS newsletter is published monthly for the purpose of sharing current information on events, publications, and funding opportunities among public safety professionals.

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## **EOPSS Funding Opportunities**

The following funding descriptions are taken directly from the official applications.

### **FFY 2009 Homeland Security Grant Program**

#### **Application Deadline: August 2, 2010**

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security is extending the application deadline for the FFY 2009 Homeland Security Grant Program. Entities that have already submitted an application proposal(s) under this AGF do NOT need to re-submit applications. However, entities that have submitted an application proposal(s) under this AGF may, at their discretion, submit a revised and/or additional application proposal. All application proposals, unless superseded by a revised proposal, and including those received by the initial deadline, will be reviewed.

For more information: please contact [Stephen.Tapis@state.ma.us](mailto:Stephen.Tapis@state.ma.us).

### **FFY 2010 Traffic Enforcement Grant Program**

#### **Application Deadline: Open, rolling-enrollment from October 2009 – August 2010**

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, Highway Safety Division announces the continued availability of approximately \$1,450,000 in federal grant funding in FFY 2010 for municipal, college and university law enforcement agencies for high visibility traffic enforcement during mobilizations.

For more information: [www.mass.gov/highwaysafety](http://www.mass.gov/highwaysafety) (click on FFY 2010 Traffic Enforcement Grant Program).

## **Other Funding Opportunities**

The following funding descriptions are taken directly from the official applications.

### **OVC FY 2010 Mass Casualty and Violence at Home and Abroad Conference**

#### **Application Deadline: July 15, 2010**

The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) seeks applications for funding to plan and implement the Mass Casualty and Violence at Home and Abroad—OVC Assisting Victims of Crime 2011 conference, a national training conference for practitioners who respond to victims of terrorism or mass violence. The 2011 Mass Violence conference will provide 2.5–3 days of state-of-the-art training with national experts presenting workshops and keynotes at the conference on multidisciplinary teams and victim-centered approaches to assisting victims of mass violence.

For more information: [http://www.ovc.gov/fund/pdftxt/FY2010\\_MassCasualty.pdf](http://www.ovc.gov/fund/pdftxt/FY2010_MassCasualty.pdf).

### **Needs Assessment and Developmental Activities for the National Internet Crimes Against Children Data System**

#### **Application Deadline: July 15, 2010**

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) seeks applications to conduct activities and work in consultation with OJJDP to develop recommendations for the Department of Justice (DOJ) and the National Internet Crimes Against Children Data System (NIDS) Steering Committee for the technical specifications for the NIDS. The purpose of NIDS is to allow credentialed users to contribute and access data for use in resolving case conflicts; link or provide a dynamic undercover system to facilitate online law enforcement investigations of child exploitation; and facilitate development of essential software and network capability for law enforcement participants to report on case information on a national level. Applicants are limited to state and local law enforcement agencies currently receiving ICAC Task Force Program funding.

For more information: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2010/ARRA%20NIDS.pdf>.

### **Fellowship Program on Tribal Youth Justice**

#### **Application Deadline: July 19, 2010**

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) seeks to fulfill its partnership with federally-recognized tribes to build capacity; to provide leadership, training, and skill development in the area of tribal youth justice; and promote changes in policy, practice, and skills. The fellowship represents an opportunity for professionals, practitioners, researchers, or trainers with expertise in tribal youth justice to help the federal government improve its partnership with federally-recognized tribes on tribal justice matters and in support of tribal children and youth. OJJDP will support one fellowship to provide professional development opportunities to the candidate and expertise in the field of tribal youth justice to support OJJDP in its policy and program work in that area.

For more information: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2010/FellowTYJustice.pdf>.

### **OVC FY 10 Enhanced Collaborative Model to Combat Human Trafficking**

#### **Application Deadline: July 27, 2010**

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) and Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) seek applications under a joint funding solicitation to support an enhanced anti-human trafficking law enforcement task force and victim service model designed to identify, rescue, and assist foreign and domestic, adult and minor, victims of human trafficking within the United States. Through this solicitation, BJA and OVC seek to update the Department of Justice multidisciplinary anti-human trafficking task force model for contemporary relevance and incorporate lessons learned into a new model: the Enhanced Collaborative Model to Combat Human Trafficking.

For more information: [http://www.ovc.gov/fund/pdf/txt/fy10\\_human\\_trafficking.pdf](http://www.ovc.gov/fund/pdf/txt/fy10_human_trafficking.pdf).

### **Call for Papers on Reentry**

#### **Application Deadline: July 30, 2010**

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) is issuing a call to researchers and others to submit reentry experiment “best design” papers to help in identifying and fully describing the most important, compelling, and promising strategies, interventions and programs for reducing recidivism and re-offending among reentering offenders. One paper will be selected through competitive peer review as the best overall design and will be used as the design “blueprint” for NIJ’s Reentry Demonstration Field Experiment. This is not a solicitation for proposals to conduct research. Instead, this is a call for papers that propose and, describe in detail, a compelling research design for a reentry experiment to be sponsored, engineered and implemented by NIJ.

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/funding/2010/reentry-rfd-2010.pdf>.

## **Research and Publications**

### **Women in Law Enforcement, 1987-2008**

Using data from the Law Enforcement Management and Administrative Statistics surveys and the Census of Federal Law Enforcement Officers, this Bureau of Justice Statistics report presents trends in the percent of female sworn officers in federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies. The report includes the percent of female law enforcement officers in individual police departments with 2,000 or more sworn officers between 1997 and 2007, as well as the percent of female officers in 1998 and 2008 in specific federal agencies with 500 or more sworn officers.

Access full text at: <http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/content/pub/pdf/wle8708.pdf>.

### **Person Offense Cases in Juvenile Court, 2007**

Based on the report *Juvenile Court Statistics 2006-2007*, this Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention *Fact Sheet* presents a brief overview of the 409,200 delinquency cases heard in juvenile courts in 2007 in which the most serious charge was an offense against a person. The report includes offender characteristics and case dispositions.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/ojjdp/230169.pdf>.

### **Juvenile Delinquency Probation Caseload, 2007**

Based on the report *Juvenile Court Statistics 2006-2007*, this Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention *Fact Sheet* presents a brief overview of the 561,600 juvenile delinquency cases in which probation supervision was the most severe disposition. The report includes overview of case dispositions, offender characteristics, and year-to-year comparisons.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/ojjdp/230170.pdf>.

### **Delinquency Cases Waived to Criminal Court, 2007**

Based on the report *Juvenile Court Statistics 2006-2007*, this Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention *Fact Sheet* presents national estimates of cases judicially waived to criminal court for 1985 through 2007. The report includes an overview of case and offender characteristics, gender comparisons, and trends in cases waved to criminal courts over time.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/ojjdp/230167.pdf>.

### **Delinquency Cases in Juvenile Court, 2007**

Based on the report *Juvenile Court Statistics 2006-2007*, this Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention *Fact Sheet* presents a brief overview of the estimated 1.7 million delinquency cases handled in U.S. juvenile courts in 2007. Highlighted topics include: case counts and trends; offender characteristics; intake decisions; adjudications and dispositions; waivers to criminal court; and detentions.

Access full text at: <http://ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/ojjdp/230168.pdf>.

### **Public Defense Reform Since Gideon: Improving the Administration of Justice By Building On Our Successes and Learning From Our Failures**

Sponsored by the Bureau of Justice Assistance, the National Legal Aid & Defender Association, and the Bureau of Justice Assistance Criminal Courts Technical Assistance Project at American University, this report summarizes presentations and discussions from the 2008 Public Defense Leadership Focus Group. The report highlights lessons learned, best practices, and “succession planning” from the current generation of indigent defense leadership to future litigators.

Access full text at: [http://www.ojp.gov/BJA/pdf/NLADA\\_PubDefLeadership.pdf](http://www.ojp.gov/BJA/pdf/NLADA_PubDefLeadership.pdf).

### **Enforcement of the Brady Act, 2008: Federal and State Investigations and Prosecutions of Firearm Applicants Denied by a NICS Check in 2008**

Sponsored by the Bureau of Justice Statistics, this report examines 2008 enforcement of the Brady Act; specifically the 123,000 firearm purchases that were denied due to National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) records. Using data from Federal and State investigations and prosecutions of denied firearms applicants, the report includes charges most often filed against denied persons and the results of prosecutions. The report also includes comparisons from the previous year.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/bjs/231052.pdf>.

### **Making Sense of DNA Backlogs — Myths vs. Reality**

This National Institute of Justice *Special Report* addresses the myths and realities surrounding DNA Backlogs. The report examines what DNA backlogs are, why they exist, and how they can be reduced. The goal of the report is to increase awareness about the challenges of analyzing large volumes of DNA evidence.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/230183.pdf>.

## **Conferences and Trainings**

### **2010 National Forum on Criminal Justice and Public Safety**

**August 1-3, 2010 in Ft. Myers, FL**

Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Association, the Integrated Justice Information Systems Institute, and the Bureau of Justice Assistance, the theme for the 2010 Forum is "Navigating Evidence Based Policies and Practices." This conference will offer justice and public safety practitioners, government leaders, and private sector employees a unique opportunity to collaboratively discuss evidence-based policies and practices in the field of criminal justice and public safety.

For more information: [http://www.ncja.org/NCJA/Education\\_and\\_Events/2010\\_National\\_Forum/NCJA/Navigation/EducationEvents/2010NationalForum/2010\\_National\\_Forum.aspx?hkey=cb805d80-aaeb-47b1-8b73-7f883084ebee](http://www.ncja.org/NCJA/Education_and_Events/2010_National_Forum/NCJA/Navigation/EducationEvents/2010NationalForum/2010_National_Forum.aspx?hkey=cb805d80-aaeb-47b1-8b73-7f883084ebee).

### **Senator Charles E. Shannon, Jr. Community Safety Initiative TA Meeting**

**August 12, 2010 in Boston, MA**

Sponsored by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security and Northeastern University, this technical assistance meeting will focus on highlights from the Senator Charles E. Shannon Jr. Community Safety Initiative (Shannon CSI) 2009 Annual Report. The Shannon CSI grant "supports regional and multi-disciplinary approaches to combat gang violence through coordinated programs for prevention and intervention". The technical assistance meeting will also highlight promising practices, lessons learned and challenges from Shannon CSI funded programs providing workforce development and job placement services to gang-involved and high-risk youth.

For more information: <http://www.mass.gov/safety/shannon>.

### **National Center for Victims of Crime (NCVC) 2010 National Conference**

**September 14-16, 2010 in New Orleans, LA**

Sponsored by the National Center for Victims of Crime, the New Orleans Family Justice Center, the Metropolitan Center for Women and Children, the Louisiana Foundation Against Sexual Assault, and the U.S. Attorney's Office, this conference will feature 80 skill-building, research-focused workshops highlighting victim-centered promising and best practices throughout the field. In addition to expert presenters from around the nation, the conference will also feature four plenary sessions and numerous networking opportunities.

For more information: [http://www.ncvc.org/ncvc/main.aspx?dbID=DB\\_2005NationalConference571](http://www.ncvc.org/ncvc/main.aspx?dbID=DB_2005NationalConference571).

**15th International Conference on Violence, Abuse and Trauma**

**September 12-15, 2010 in San Diego, CA**

Sponsored by the Institute on Violence, Abuse and Trauma, this conference provides participants an opportunity to interact with researchers, practitioners, advocates, and front-line workers from all disciplines to share in-depth knowledge on violence, abuse, and trauma prevention, intervention, and research. Topic tracks include: intimate partner violence; child maltreatment; children exposed to violence; youth violence; criminal justice issues; sexual assault; treatment of victims and offenders; elder abuse; trauma; and more.

For more information: <http://ivatcenters.org/>.

**International Problem-Oriented Policing and Crime Analysis Training Conference**

**September 27-30, 2010 in Arlington, TX**

Sponsored by the International Association of Crime Analysts and the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, this conference will focus on problem-oriented policing strategies and crime analysis techniques. From basic to advanced, the conference will offer more than 50 training sessions to educate participants in how to study and effectively respond to crime.

For more information: <http://www.iaca.net/Conference2010.asp>.

**Prevention Strategies and Planning: Bullying, Cyberbullying and School Violence**

**September 30, 2010 in Peabody, MA**

This conference, sponsored by the Essex District Attorney's Office, will address current research and best practices for addressing bullying, cyberbullying and violence. Featured speakers will include: Speakers will include District Attorney Jonathan Blodgett, Rosalind Wiseman, Nancy Mullin, Richard Cole, Brigitte Berman, and John Bynoe. All participants will receive a copy of Ms Wiseman's book, *Queen Bees and Wannabes*.

For more information: [www.mass.gov/essexda](http://www.mass.gov/essexda) or contact Ruth Budelmann, Mariellen Fidrych or Meghan Meagher at 978 745-6610.

**Save the Date: Three-Day Institute on Advanced Law Enforcement Practice in Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence**

**October 13-15, 2010 in Framingham, MA**

Sponsored by the Executive Office of Public Safety & Security, the Institute is designed for law enforcement personnel with extensive experience working on behalf of victims of sexual and domestic violence as well as select sexual assault and domestic violence advocates who have experience collaborating with law enforcement. Faculty of the Institute includes national and local experts in law enforcement practice. Registration will open in August.

Information on how to apply will be available soon.



## News

The following are excerpts from newspaper articles regarding public safety topics.

### **More Than 300 March Through Springfield's North End to Take Back Streets from Gang Violence**

***The Republican*, June 30, 2010**

Led by a group of ministers from area Latino churches, more than 300 people marched through the city's North End to rally the community to take a stand against crime, reports *The Republican*. Carrying signs, chanting and singing songs, the marchers paraded south along Main Street to Jefferson Street and then over to Calhoun Park. There, at an hour-long rally, speakers appealed to God, the city's political, civic and religious leaders, and its residents to unite in the fight against crime. There was also a bilingual explanation of Text-A-Tip, the anonymous crime tip service employed by city police.

Access full text at: [http://www.masslive.com/news/index.ssf/2010/06/more\\_than\\_300\\_march\\_through\\_sp.html](http://www.masslive.com/news/index.ssf/2010/06/more_than_300_march_through_sp.html).

### **Anti-bullying Policy Approved in South Hadley After Suicide of Phoebe Prince**

***The Republican*, June 30, 2010**

Less than six months after the suicide of a 15-year-old high school student, the South Hadley School Committee voted 3-0 to approve an anti-bullying policy, reports *The Republican*. The policy contains suggestions for programs and administrative procedures to help the school system deal with the problem of bullying. The anti-bullying policy spells out a process by which school administrators can identify bullying and deal with the perpetrators and the victim. To encourage bystanders to step forward, it recommends the adoption of an electronic reporting system that will provide anonymity to witnesses.

Access full text at: [http://www.masslive.com/news/index.ssf/2010/06/post\\_113.html](http://www.masslive.com/news/index.ssf/2010/06/post_113.html).

### **City Plans to Focus on Gang Members**

***The Boston Globe*, July 1, 2010**

According to *The Boston Globe*, leaders of city, state, and federal agencies say they are joining forces to combat violence in Boston by focusing on the most dangerous gang members, their families, and the neighborhoods in which they live. The program, to be called Partnerships Advancing Communities Together, or Boston PACT, combines elements of previous efforts to reduce violent crime in Boston, but officials said that it is new in its scope and depth. The program, the result of several meetings that Mayor Thomas M. Menino said he has held with religious leaders, state and police officials, and social services providers, will focus on 12 parts of the city, starting in Mattapan and extending to the South End.

Access full text at: [http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2010/07/01/city\\_plans\\_to\\_focus\\_on\\_gang\\_members/](http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2010/07/01/city_plans_to_focus_on_gang_members/).

### **Boston Cops Send Out SOS for Texts**

***The Boston Herald*, July 1, 2010**

The flood of anonymous text-message tips that have helped Hub cops catch vicious thugs has slowed to a trickle and has police and clergy pleading for help as they battle the latest outbreak of gang mayhem, according to *The Boston Herald*. As Mayor Thomas M. Menino launched a new offensive against violent gangbangers amid rising fear on city streets, a Herald review found that the number of text messages from anti-crime tipsters has plummeted by 72 percent since Boston police rolled out the Text-a-Tip line three years ago. The Herald's review found the number of text tips rocketed to 1,040 in 2007, fell to 729 last year and is on track to finish even lower this year. Boston Police recently created pages on the social media sites Facebook and Twitter, where they post their blog, chat with other users, harvest tips and promote their Crime Stoppers programs.

Access full text at: [http://www.bostonherald.com/news/regional/view/20100701a\\_call\\_to\\_action\\_boston\\_cops\\_send\\_out\\_sos\\_for\\_texts/srv=home&position=0](http://www.bostonherald.com/news/regional/view/20100701a_call_to_action_boston_cops_send_out_sos_for_texts/srv=home&position=0).

### **New State Law Spells It Out: No Texting While Driving**

***The Boston Globe*, July 3, 2010**

According to *The Boston Globe*, Governor Deval Patrick signed into law legislation making Massachusetts the 29th state to ban texting behind the wheel for all drivers and any cellphone use for those under 18. The law, the product of intense lobbying by safe-driving advocates and families of loved ones lost in fatal accidents, will take effect in October. The texting ban covers writing and reading e-mail, Internet searching, and other non-calling activity on a phone, laptop, or handheld electronic device by anyone operating a motor vehicle. It also applies to drivers waiting at traffic lights and stop signs. Texting and talking for those under 18 will be allowed only in an emergency or when a car is pulled over and parked. The prohibited activities will be primary offenses, meaning police will not need another reason to stop a car and ticket the driver. Violations will result in a \$100 fine, and drivers under 18 will also have their licenses suspended for 60 days and be required to complete a course to change their behavior.

Access full text at: [http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2010/07/03/new\\_state\\_law\\_spells\\_it\\_out\\_no\\_texting\\_behind\\_wheel/](http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2010/07/03/new_state_law_spells_it_out_no_texting_behind_wheel/).

## **Announcement**

### **EOPSS/HSD Recognized in OJJDP Success Stories for Collaboration with District Attorneys to Prevent Underage Drinking**

In May 2010 the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) recognized EOPSS-Highway Safety Division's collaboration with four District Attorney's Associations for their efforts in preventing underage drinking. This recognition stemmed from a 2009 federal grant program where funds were awarded to host one or more one-day underage drinking prevention conferences. These conferences served to bring together new partners and a variety of stakeholders in children's lives to address underage drinking. Attendees included parents, law enforcement, coaches, school personnel, and youth service providers. District Attorney's Associations receiving grant awards were: Berkshire County, Norfolk County, Plymouth County, and Worcester County.

For more information: [http://www.udetc.org/documents/success\\_stories/ma0510.pdf](http://www.udetc.org/documents/success_stories/ma0510.pdf).



### **Promising Practices Survey**

In March 2009, the Promising Practices subcommittee of the Governor's Council to Address Sexual and Domestic Violence released its white paper to the Governor's Council. The underlying philosophy is that everyone has a role in responding to domestic violence and that there are several innovative practices already underway in Massachusetts. Through this survey, the Promising Practicing subcommittee seeks to better understand where these practices are currently happening in the Commonwealth, how they are functioning, and challenges and opportunities in their implementation. All responses will be kept confidential and anonymous.

Access survey at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/6CVQV9Z>.

### **Perceptions of Racial and Ethnic Overrepresentation in the Juvenile Justice System Study**

The Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee (JJAC) has prepared a short survey for people who work at least partly in the juvenile justice system. The goal of this survey is to gather information that will provide Massachusetts with a better understanding of the racial and ethnic disparities in the Massachusetts juvenile justice system. The results will be used by the JJAC to advise the Governor and Legislature on juvenile justice issues, garner insight into how best to spend federal discretionary funds in Massachusetts, and ensure Massachusetts' compliance with the mandates of the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act. Please note that the surveys are confidential and that no identifying information will be shared.

If you have any questions, please contact Andrew Polk, Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, at 617-725-3364 or [andrew.polk@state.ma.us](mailto:andrew.polk@state.ma.us).

To access the survey:

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=rpku\\_2fpNGYzWlvy4ceeRkA\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=rpku_2fpNGYzWlvy4ceeRkA_3d_3d).

## **Contact Information**

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